GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF WADHWA COMMITTEE
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final report of Wadhwa Committee on various aspects of Public Distribution System (PDS) and Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) has been received by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon indicating the main recommendations of the Committee;

(c) the details of raids conducted against Fair Price Shops/Kerosene Oil Depots in Delhi during 2008 alongwith the details of quantum and value of goods seized from them; and

(d) the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Central Vigilance Committee (CVC) with Justice (retd.) D.P. Wadhwa as Chairman was set up by the Supreme Court to study functioning of Public Distribution System (PDS)and suggest remedial measures.The Supreme Court's direction to CVC was to conduct this study initially for the TPDS in Delhi,to be followed up on all India basis.The Committee submitted its report on TPDS in Delhi in August,2007 to the Supreme Court.The Supreme Court in its order dated 10.01.2008 has ordered that similar exercise be undertaken by the CVC for the entire country and thereafter the Supreme Court would consider the suggestions of the CVC and shortcomings noticed.Final report of CVC is awaited.

(c) & (d): During the year 2008,135 shops were inspected and 121 raids were conducted.Based on them 252 persons were arrested,FPS licences of 125 shops were suspended/cancelled/showcause notices issued/FIR lodged and 769 Qtls of wheat and 5650 Qtls of rice were seized.

In addition,the Government of NCT,Delhi is implementing 9 point action plan for strengthening the TPDS, which mainly includes review of lists of ration card holders, ensuring leakage free and timely distribution of foodgrains,display of allocation of foodgrains on website and computerization of data base of TPDS.